

**Amendment to the Agreement  
Between  
Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.  
and  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Dated July 14, 2000**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Telecom and d/b/a Birch, on behalf of itself and its certificated operating affiliates identified in Part C hereof (collectively "Birch"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated July 14, 2000 ("Agreement") to be effective the date of the last signature executing the Amendment ("Effective Date").

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Birch entered into the Agreement on July 14, 2000,  
and;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to delete and replace in its entirety Section 20.1 of the General Terms and Conditions as follows:

20.1 With the exception of billing notices, governed by Attachment 7, every notice, consent or approval of a legal nature, required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by hand, by overnight courier or by US mail postage prepaid, or email if an email address is listed below, addressed to:

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

BellSouth Local Contract Manager  
600 North 19<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
Birmingham, AL 35203

and

ICS Attorney  
Suite 4300  
675 West Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, GA 30375

**Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.**

Greg Lawhon  
General Counsel  
2300 Main Street  
Suite 600  
Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2415  
e-mail: GLawhon@birch.com

or at such other address as the intended recipient previously shall have designated by written notice to the other Party.

2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated July 14, 2000, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

## **PART C**

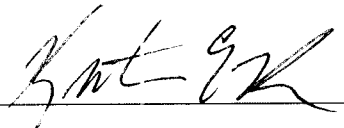
### Schedule of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. (Birch) Operating Affiliates

Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Telecom and d/b/a Birch – FL

Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. – AL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC and TN

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment the day and year written below.

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

By: 

Name: Kristen Rowe

Title: Director

Date: 7/1/05

**Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.**

By: 

Name: John Ivanuska

Title: Vice President, Carrier Relations

Date: 06/30/05